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A short Account of all the most considerable News,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday October 8, 1723.

From the Evening Post, October 3.

This Day arrived Mail that from Holland.

Paris, October 9.

ON the 6th Instant was published here the King's Declaration, for laying a Tax upon all Persons who enjoy any Places of Profit, or Pensions from the Government: This is what we call the joyful Accession, and is alwise levied after the Coronation of our Kings.

Last Week the Stage Coach from Blois, having stopt at Seaux, the Coachman and Postillion went into the Inn to refresh themselves whilst the Horses were feeding, the Passengers sitting in the Coach the while; the Horses who it seems, were more press'd with Thirst than Hunger did on a sudden run into a Pond, in which the Coach overturned, whereto two Persons lost their Lives, and three others received much Hurt.

Hamburg, Oct. 5. Letters from Sweden say, the King and Queen of Sweden are some what better, but still keep their Chamber.

London, Oct. 3. The Swiss Servt to Mr. Lock, who was murdered and robb'd near Calais, has Orders from Monsieur Chamerel, Secretary of France at this Court, to hold himself in a Readiness to go to Paris, to testify against the four Persons taken lately at Dunkirk, and charged with the Murder of his Master and the other English Gentlemen.

Some Nights ago, Mr. Oliver Cromwell, Grandson to the Usurper, passing thro' Lincoln's Inn-fields to his Lodgings in Ormond-street, was robb'd by four Foot-padds of his Stuff-box and Money. They afterwards tyed his Feet and were going to gag him, when hearing People approach, they made off.

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From the Flying Post.

Ratisbon, Sept. 30. The Emperor has sent a new Decree hither, importing, that though he has just Reasons not to take one Step more in the Affairs of Religion till a Stop is put to the Reprisals against the Cloister of Hamerslaben, and till the Recall of M. Reck from the Palatinate, nevertheless he is willing to authorise the Imperial Commission to treat about the Grievances on both Sides with the Saxon Envoy, to the intent that as fast as every single Grievance is made out, the Imperial Commissioners may enjoin the Party offending immediately to redress it, and in case of Refusal, they may acquaint the Emperor of it, who will then proceed to Military Execution.

Hamburg, Oct. 1. The Privy Counsellor Wolfrach, lately beheaded at Do-mitz, made a Speech at the Place of Execution, in which he protested before God and the whole World, that his Behaviour to his Sovereign the Duke of Mecklenburg was always conformable to his Oath and his Duty; and that his Conscience could not reproach him with any thing to the contrary; concluding with his hearty Pardon of all his Enemies and Persecutors, who he said had for-g'd Letters to have it thought that he carried on a Correspondence dangerous to the Interest of his Master.

Hague, Oct. 9. The Austrian Netherlands India Stock meets with neither Buyers nor Sellers, so that 'tis at a perfect Stand; but those concerned are in great Hopes in will rise after the next General Court. The States General have appointed M. Vander Meer their Ambassador to Spain, and Major Hop their Envoy Extraordinary to Great Britain. They write from Colen, that a Fire broke out lately in the Village of Rynscheid in the Dutchy of Beirgh, which in less than 4 Hours burnt down 90 Houses and Barns, with all the Corn, &c. so that the poor Inhabitants must have starved had not Supplies been brought them from the neighbouring Villages. They say that the Fire was owing to a Man's carelessly smoaking a Pipe of Tobacco.

Florence, September 18. The Grand Duke is got rid of his Fever, and the Inflammation in his Thigh. He seems to have the free Use of his Understanding and pretty strong Lungs; so that were it not for his Years, of which he has now liv'd 81, there might be some Hopes of his Recovery. But 'tis observed that his natural Strength decays visibly, and that the Urine which he voids after being fyring'd is thick and viscous. He has received the Viaticum; and being inform'd that the Electress Dowager Palatine distributed great Alms, and made publick Prayers for his Recovery; he sent t'other Day for the Grand Prior, and told him that he was not for spoiling Acts of Piety, but he order'd him nevertheless to put up no Prayers for his Recovery, because he submitted intirely to the Will of God, who he was sure would order all Things for his own and his Subjects Good.

Bern, September 29. We expect every Moment to hear of the Death of the Duke of Tuscany, whose Physicians have given him over; and they talk already at Florence of forming a Regency; but this is like to meet with Opposition, because of the Hereditary Prince, who is the rightful Successor.

From the Evening Post.

Yesterday Morning the three Foot Pads, who robb'd and murther'd a Servant of Mr. Hay's near Bristow Causeway, were apprehended in Southwark, two in Kent Street, and the third in the new Buildings in the Mint; they go by the Names of Pugh, Gutridge and Blunt: Being carried before Justice Ladd, they were committed to the Marshalsea. We are informed, that they have all

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of them confess'd the Fact, in Hopes of being Evidences against one another, and some others of the Gang whom they have impeach'd.

The Beginning of last Week died a Sergeant, who on Wednesday Night was interred in the Burial-Place at Chelsea Hospital; his Relict crying and weeping during the Time of the Solemnity; but she was marry'd again the Evening preceeding. viz. on Thursday last, this being the fourth Husband.

From the Whitehall Evening Post.

Paris, October 6. Letters from Dunkirk say, That the Magistrats of that Town have caused to be apprehended there, 4 of the Assassins, who lately killed and robbed near Calais, some English Gentlemen.

London, October 1. 'Tis said, That the Lord Carteret has taken a House in Paris.

His Majesty is expected here next December.

From the Flying Post, London October 3.

Horatio Walpole Esq; Brother to the Chancellor of the Exchequer; Jacob Ackworth Esq; a Commissioner of the Navy, and Colonel Armstrong of the Ordnance are set out for Hanover.

Friday last two Foot Soldiers Deserters, were apprehended at an Ale House by Spring Garden Passage to St. James's Park.

They talk of several new Promotions intended upon his Majesty's Return from Hanover, which 'tis said, will not be before the End of next Month.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, October 3.

Stockholm, Sept. 23. Last Saturday-evening the King had a violent Cholic and Gravel, and was not freed from it till Yesterday. The States are now deliberating what Day shall be fixed for terminating their Session.

Rome, Sept. 18. Two Maltese Galleys have brought in hither the 50 Slaves of whom that Order has made a Present to the Pope: Several Italian and French Knights have made use of that Opportunity to come and see Rome, and kiss his Holiness's Feet, who has made them a Present of some Relicks.

Paris, Octob. 9. On Monday last they began at the Hotel d'Effiat in the Street des bons enfans, the Sale of the Horses of the late Cardinal Dubois, and since his Coaches and Equipage have been sold; And next Week they are to begin the Sale of his Household Goods and other Effects.

London, October 3. They write from Lisbon Sept. 20, That by a small Vessel from St. Michael, one of the Islands of the Azores, they have Advice, that the Pyrates do very much infest those Islands, and have the Boldness to lend their Boats in the Night-time, and carry off the Merchant-ships that are riding in their Harbours.

Yesterday in the Evening, his Grace the Duke of Roxburgh set out for his Country Seat at Henley Park.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Stairs is daily expected in Town from Scotland.

On Tuesday last a Gentleman at Kensington, being in a high Fever and light headed, cut his own Throat after a terrible Manner, but not so as immediately to destroy himself; and we hear that he is now under Cure with Mr. Colthart the Surgeon.

Mr. Turner, a Gentleman of this City, as he was going in his Coach to his County Seat at Clapham on Monday last, about 6 a-clock in the Evening, was attacked near that Town by two Foot Pads, who robbed him and a Lady that was with him, of the Money they had about them and other Things of Value: And 'twas observed, that several others of their Gang lurked all the while behind the Trees, in order to be ready to assist their Brethren in case of Need.

Yesterday the Right Honourable the Earl of Cadogan set out for Maidstone in Kent, to review the first Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards, which is quartered there.

We see here a Book, this Day published, called *The Highland Rogue*, or, *The memorable Actions of the Celebrated Robert Macgregor, commonly called Rob Roy*: Containing a Genuine Account of his Education, Grandeur and sudden Misfortune; his commencing Robber, and being elected Captain of a considerable Gang; his Exploits on the High Way, breaking open Houles, taking Prisoners, commencing Judge and levying Taxes; his Defence of his Manner of Living; his Dispute with a Scots Parson about the Doctrine of Predestination; his joining with the Earl of Mar in the Rebellion; his being decoy'd and imprisoned by the Duke of -----, with the Way and Manner of his Escape, &c. Introduc'd with the unequall'd Vilainies of the Clan of Macgregor several Years past. The Whole being impartially digested from the Memorandums of an authentic Scots Manuscript.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 3.

London, Oct. 3. Mr. Thomas Pulteine is appointed Comptroller of the Customs in the Port of the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, in the Room of Mr. Franklin deceas'd.

The Court of General Quarter-sessions of the Peace for the County of Surrey, was held by Adjournment at Richmond-lodge last Saturday; where her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales took and subscribed the Oaths to the Government; according to the Directions of the late A& of Parliament.

Last Night the Lady Jennings Wife of Sir John Jennings went to bed very well at Greenwich, but this Morning about three died of an Effusion of Blood.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, October 3.

Letters from Hamburg give an Account, That a certain Gentleman, whose Name is Malduin, and who pretended to set Magazines on fire by Sympathy, was arrested on the 20th past at Altena, on Suspicion of being a Coyner of false Money. These Advices add. That the Czar's Ministers had received Letters from Persia importing, That Meriweys had caused to be dispersed into Georgia, and in all the Czar's conquered Places along the Caspian Sea, a Medal, one Side of which represents his Effigies, with this Inscription, *Meriweys Protector of the Persian Monarchy*; and on the reverse, 2 Slaves, having their Heads shav'd, and their Noses and Ears cut off, with a Hand holding a Saber over them, with this Inscription, *Reveng'd on our Enemies*.

In the mean Time, they write from Petersburg, that great Rejoicings have been made there, on Account of the News they received the 17th past, by Express from Derbent, that the Czar's Forces have taken by Storm the Town of Baka upon the Caspian Sea.

The Northern Powers seem to be now pretty easy from the Prospect they have of the Czar's being oblig'd to employ his Forces against the Grand Seignior and Meriwey's, between whom its not doubted, but an Alliance Offensive and Defensive is fully concluded.

Mean while we are not without some Apprehensions of new Commotions in Europe, especially if a certain Potentate should continue to disagree so long as he has done to the Terms of Accommodation.

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Some Advices relate, That the French go on with their naval Preparations at Marseilles and Toulon, in which last Port they have already 10 Men of War ready to put to Sea, that they work Day and Night upon three others, one of which carries 100 Guns: But to what End all this is done is not known.

Our Stocks are a little fallen, which is attributed to the News in our last, of the Death of Mr. Winchfield and Dr. Pennyman, and 16 other English in the Manufactorys at Lisbon, at which our Merchants are very much concerned. Mean time we cannot learn that any of the Letters from Portugal make the least mention that the Fever is Epidemical.

They write from Dublin of the 28th past, That the Houle of Commons have resolved, That the Importing and Uttering of Copper Farthings and Halfpence by virtue of the Patent granted to William Wood, Esq; will be highly prejudicial to his Majesty's Revenues, detrimental to the Trade of the Nation, and of most dangerous Consequence to the Rights and Privileges of the Subjects:

That the said William Wood and his Accomplices, have notoriously misrepresented the State of the Nation, in order to obtain the said Patent.

That altho' the Terms of the said Patent had been strictly complied with, yet there would have been a Loss to the Nation of at least 150 per Cent. by the laid Coinage: And,

That the said William Wood is guilty of a most notorious Fraud in coining the said Copper Halfpence.

They also resolved, That an Address be presented to his Majesty, That he would be pleased to direct such Measures to be taken, as may effectually secure his loyal Subjects of that Kingdom from the evil Consequences that must necessarily attend the Uttering such Halfpence and Farthings.

Yesterday a Person was committed to Prison, for taking Bank Bills out of the Post Letters: 'Tis expected he will be sent this Night to Newgate.

There is a great Talk of the Marriage that is negotiating between Prince Frederick and the Prince Royal of Prussia. And 'tis discoursed, that the King of Prussia insists on the yielding up of Hanover upon certain Conditions: But how true this is we cannot pretend to assert.

By a French Mail just arrived we are advised, that Monsieur Iberville, formerly Envoy at the Court of Great Britain, died suddenly on the 7th Instant. The Bishop of Mende is also dead of the Small Pox.

On the 5th an Arret was published, for the voluntary Disposal of the Actions, which have fallen from 1330 to 1200, and the Liquidations, by reason the Notaries expect new Orders relating thereto, are fallen to 14 Livres.

John Smith, Esq; formerly Speaker of the House of Commons, is dead. Nathan Goodwine, Esq; Ensign in the first Regiment of Guards, hath disposed of that Post to the Lord Calleian, eldest Son to the Lord Ballemont.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T.

Custom-House Edinburgh 4th October 1723.

By the Commissioners of His MAJESTY's Customs,

An Abstract of several Clauses of an Act of Parliament passed in the 8th Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to prevent the clandestine Running of Goods*. The said Commissioners hereby give Notice to all Persons concerned, That this Law will be vigorously executed; and the Offenders punish'd in the Manner directed by the said Act.

ENACTED, That after the 25 March 1722, all Persons found passing (knowingly and wittingly) with any foreign Goods landed from any Ship, without Entry and Payment of the Duties from any Coast of this Kingdom, or within 20 Miles of the same, and shall be more than 5 Persons in Company, or shall carry any offensive Arms or Weapons, or wear any Wizard Mask or

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Disguise when passing with such Goods, or shall forcibly hinder or resist any Officer of the Customs or Excise, in seizing or securing any Sorts of run Goods, shall be adjudg'd Runners of foreign Goods: and (being convicted of the said Offences) shall be adjudg'd guilty of Felony; and for such Offences, be transported as a Felon to his Majesty's Plantations in *America*, there to remain for 7 Years; and if such Offenders shall return to *Britain* or *Ireland* before the Expiration of the said 7 Years, they shall suffer as Fellons without Benefit of the Clergy.

Provided, That if any Runner of foreign Goods shall within 2 Months after his Offence, and before his Conviction discover 2 or more of his Accomplices to the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise in *England* or *Scotland*, so as 2 of them at least be convicted of such Offence, the Offender so discovering shall receive 40 L. for every Offender so discovered and convicted, so as the Value of the Goods recovered shall exceed 50 L. and the Person discovering shall be acquitted of his Offence.

Further enacted, That after the 25th *March* 1722, if any Person shall within 3 Months after such Offence committed, discover to the said Commissioners any Person guilty of such Offence; and being convicted thereof, such Discoverer shall receive the like Reward of 40 L. for every Offender so convicted, over and above any other Reward he may be entitled unto by Means of his Discovery; or on Account of the Penalties which shall be recovered for running the said Goods.

Enacted, That the Commissioners of the Customs and Excise in *England* and *Scotland*, shall cause the several Rewards of 40 L. to be paid by the Receiver-General or Cashier of the Customs and Excise, in Proportion to the Duties so clandestinely run, upon producing to them a Certificate of the Judge or Justice of the Court, before whom such Offenders shall be tried, certifying his Conviction; and the Money so paid, shall be allowed to the Receiver-General or Cashier, in their Accounts.

Further enacted, That if any Person shall receive or buy any Goods so clandestinely run, before the same shall have been legally condemn'd, knowing the same to be so clandestinely run, and shall thereof be convicted upon his Appearance or Default, or upon the Oath of one or more credible Witnesses, or by the Confession of the Party, by one or more Justices of the Peace where such Offence shall be committed, or the Offender shall be found (which Oath the Justices of the Peace are required to administer) the Person so convicted shall forfeit 20 L. one Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of such Justices; and for Want of Distress, every such Offender shall by such Justice, be committed to Prison, there to remain without Baill or main Prize, for the Space of 3 Months.

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